

CIGARETTE PAPERS.
By JOSEPH HATTON.

The Dragon and the Lion.

Li Hung Chang should have been 30 instead of 75. Then his first impressions of Europe would have been vivid enough and lasting. But when a man gets old the things he remembers are chiefly those that belong to the days of his youth. How terribly mixed the illustrious Chinaman's views must be, and many of them will be as murky as an amateur's photograph of several scenes on one plate! Imagine how the utterly opposite must clash in his memory: the pagodas of his native land, the factories and palaces of ours, the lovely almond eyes of the girls he knew when a boy compared with the defiant faces of the women of these islands, and if Chinese women are beautiful how ugly ours must seem to him. The average Chinaman regards us as barbarians and calls us devils, and unluckily the average Englishman has looked upon the Chinaman as a weird kind of creation, not to be taken seriously. Even when China and Japan went to war with each other, most people, at the beginning, looked upon it as a fratricidal conflict that would nevertheless be more or less of a huge joke—a kind of tragic pantomime with masks and terrifying flags, and cannon in the shape of dragons, and European warships that would burst their guns and run into each other at random. Our general population is very ignorant now about these peoples of China and Japan. Not to know "t'other from which" is a double insult felt most keenly by the Japanese. Considering that we are an Asiatic Power we are singularly insular in our notions of the yellow races. We find it difficult to realise that the imperious master of our distinguished visitors, sitting on the Dragon Throne, holds authority over some three or four hundred million souls. I suppose it is conceded that the Chinese have souls. Anyhow they are very particular about their bodies. Before going to America they contract to have their bones sent home, when they should be no more use in the States. Strange, curious, impossible kind of emigrants, who never become citizens of European or American States, never abandon their own habits and customs, have no sympathies of any kind in common with the peoples among whom they elect for a time to live, move, and have their being.

Li Hung Chang and Lord Salisbury.

It has been said that the great statesman's heart is in his head. The more statesmen dislike each other, politically, the more politely they bow and shake hands and pay compliments. I wonder what Lord Salisbury thinks of Li Hung, and what Li Hung thinks of Lord Salisbury! To begin with they do not regard each other as curiosities. They could not sit down and dine with each other in a neighbourly, sympathetic way, nor compare notes over the different brands of the wines they enjoy, at least not with the slightest chance of being in touch with each other. Their tastes are as different as Lord Salisbury's black frock coat from Li Hung's yellow jacket. Then they are both thinking all the time of what one wants of the other. And what does the Chinaman want? Whatever it is, depend upon it the Celestial is keeping the thing well in mind. No doubt it helps even to disturb those first impressions of Osborne and her Majesty, mixed up, as they must be, with the kaleidoscopic passages of his experiences of the Royal Courts of Russia and Germany, and the formalities of the informal state of Republican France. It is said, by those who are likely to know, that the Chinese statesman has come to Europe and to Great Britain more particularly for the purpose of getting us to permit his Government to increase its imposts on British goods to an extent sufficient to pay the war indemnity to Japan. Anyhow, you may expect it for granted that he is not here for any benefit to us; why should we expect it? Who comes to us out of a sweet and benevolent solicitude for our national warfare?

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The Presidential Election.

In the election days of thirty or forty years ago England had her processions, her banners, and her bands of music. They survived, and a good deal more, in the Presidential campaigns of our cousins—those who are still thinking all the time of what one wants of the other. And what does the Chinaman want? Whatever it is, depend upon it the Celestial is keeping the thing well in mind. No doubt it helps even to disturb those first impressions of Osborne and her Majesty, mixed up, as they must be, with the kaleidoscopic passages of his experiences of the Royal Courts of Russia and Germany, and the formalities of the informal state of Republican France. It is said, by those who are likely to know, that the Chinese statesman has come to Europe and to Great Britain more particularly for the purpose of getting us to permit his Government to increase its imposts on British goods to an extent sufficient to pay the war indemnity to Japan. Anyhow, you may expect it for granted that he is not here for any benefit to us; why should we expect it? Who comes to us out of a sweet and benevolent solicitude for our national warfare?

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shall hardly be likely to put up with the insulting and overbearing treatment she has meted out to us over the brutal murder of the pioneer Stokes.

THE GARDEN.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR "THE PEOPLE.")

FALLING APPLES.

The larva of the codlin moth is responsible for the fall of many of the apples which are now daily dropping from the trees. If the apples are examined it will be seen that each has a margin of brownish tissue which has made the fruit fall

wherever on or near the surface of the ground, and very shortly it will crawl up the trunk of the tree and hide in a crevice or crack of the bark till the time comes for its transformation into a moth. The caterpillar is very destructive, and it is often to be seen in the eyes of the son's version of the finale was proved by the instructions the author had given to the illustrator in regard to some of the unwritten chapters. And so the younger Dickens and I fell to work and wrote the play of "Edwin Drood," which was accepted by Mr. Walter Gooch for the Princess's, the leading part being allotted to Mr. Charles Warner, who was then at the height of his popularity at the Oxford-st. house. We had not, however, counted as a factor in the arrangements the position of Mr. Harry Jackson, the acting and stage manager, and the scheme fell through, to make way for the engagement of Mr. Edwin Booth, and the ultimate downfall of the management. In later years Dickens introduced me to a clever actor who undertook to produce our play the moment he had a theatre; whereupon Dickens's hopes revived. He always felt that the play would be in consequence with his father's feelings as we had prepared it. Characterisation, dialogue, and situation were maintained in their integrity, and the dénouement was realised in the exhibition of one of Japan's opium dreams. The actor got his theatre in due time, but the unacted play of "Edwin Drood" remained to the last of Charles Dickens's unfulfilled dreams. On the night of that trip on the Thames Dickens reviewed his plan of réclame for the piece. The foyer of the theatre was to be hung with Fildes's original drawings and sundry paintings of Rochester and relics of Gad's Hill. Fildes was to be asked to design the dresses. The piece was cast, and a great point made of the authoritative conclusion of the story, thus clearing up something of the mystery that was part of the title of the work. It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all, surely it is better to have lived with unacted plays than never to have written one. Over many a cigar Dickens saw his father's "Edwin Drood" enacted before enthusiastic audiences. The probability of it all was assured for him in the fact that he had cashed Mr. Walter Gooch's cheque on account of fees. He told me he had rarely spent so delightful an afternoon as that in which we had read the play to the management and come away with a date fixed for its production, a cheque in earnest in our pocket, and the approval of the star actor of the theatre, Charles Warner, who would have looked the part of Jasper and played it admirably.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Questions requiring to be answered the same week in which they are addressed to "The People."

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OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

A short season of opera will probably be given at Drury Lane Theatre by the Carl Rosa Company next month. Judging from the success achieved by the troupe during their late season at Daly's Theatre, it would appear that their presence at Drury Lane, pending the production of the usual autumn drama, could not fail to prove highly attractive. Wagner's popular work, "Lohengrin," "Die Meistersinger," "Die Walküre," "Tannhäuser," and "The Flying Dutchman" are all in the Carl Rosa repertoire, and may be expected to be performed in their English versions.

At Covent Garden Theatre an autumn season of Italian opera is likely to take place; but whether it will be a "cheap season" or on the "grand" opera scale, is not yet known. If the performances are given at all they will probably consist of works but little known in England, and several new singers will appear.

M. Pecksl, the young violinist who made such a favourable impression in London during the past season, has decided to place himself under Dr. Juchim, hoping thus to qualify himself for appearing at the Monday Popular Concerts next winter.

It is well known that Madame Patti frequently gives entertainments for charitable purposes. The great prima donna's latest efforts in this cause will include a concert which she is arranging at Swansea, and an entertainment at Craig-y-no Castle, both for the benefit of the poor.

The fact that Mr. Beerbohm Tree has elected to call his new theatre "Her Majesty's" is much approved of in musical circles, where it is not forgotten that the popular actor-manager's handsome building has been erected on the site where once stood one of the most famous of opera houses.

I hear that Sir Henry Irving does not approve of Mr. Henry Hamilton's libretto for a new opera on the subject of Sardou's "Madame Sans Gere." The Lyceum manager thinks that it too closely resembles the play which he intends producing at his own theatre.

Gilbert and Sullivan's ever-popular "Mikado" is still drawing big audiences to the Savoy Theatre, but there is a whisper abroad that its place will be taken before long by Offenbach's "Grand Duchess," I presume with Miss Florence St. John in the title role.

It is said that Madame Nordica's beautiful voice has much increased in volume since she last sang in London. Her reappearance here at the 1st Colonial concert at Queen's Hall on Oct. 12—awaking great interest.

The Richard Wagner Museum (late Oesterlin) will shortly be opened at Eisenach when many curios and mementos of the great Bayreuth composer will be for the first time exposed to public view.

Many of my readers may like to know that the present time is specially good for buying pianofortes advantageously. Nearly all the principal makers are selling splendid instruments that have been out for hire during the London season at very low prices.

Practices of the Choral and Orchestral Society in connection with St. Anne's, Soho, will begin on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, at 8.15 p.m. Ladies and gentlemen who wish to become members should write at once to the hon. secy., Mr. J. G. Deighton, 112, Worcester, W.C.

Mr. William Hogarth's company appeared with much success at the Crystal Palace on Thursday in "Les Cloches de Corneville." Why someone does not revive this delightful and melodious opera in London is one of the things I find difficult to understand.

It is reported that the great French baritone, M. Lassalle, is about to return to the lyric stage, from which he some time ago retired, as he stated.

The proposal of the new syndicate at Covent Garden to secure the services of Mr. Charles Harris as stage manager for the grand opera season next year cannot fail to command itself to everyone cognisant of the great abilities displayed by Mr. Harris on many and varied occasions, notably in connection with the productions at the Savoy Theatre.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

A correspondent of Newbury has sent me an account of a most extraordinary slaughter of snakes which took place a week or two ago at that place. Quoting from his letter he says that "no less than 1,698 snakes, nearly all young ones, were killed. The snakes had found their way into a disused saw-pit, where they had laid their eggs in a heap of saw-dust, the heat of which duly hatched them. Not being able to crawl out of the pit, they were easily dispatched by 2 men armed with sticks; had they all been allowed to escape we must soon have become swarmed with these reptiles. Surely this must be the record for snake killing."

I certainly have never heard of the tragedy at the Novelty. On that I have nothing to say; but speaking generally of the use of lethal weapons on the stage, one may safely assert that no player should be allowed to use any weapon that is not of the "property" sort. After this, I should say, people who have to be "killed" on the boards will take very good care to ascertain with what sort of instrument they are to be despatched. The deplorable event of Monday may in this way have good results.

At the Comedy on Tuesday night met Mr. Basil Hood, author of "Gentleman Joe" and "The French Mail," who told me that negotiations were going on for the production of the latter piece at a West-end theatre. You may remember that it was seen a little while ago at the Camberwell Theatre. I was glad to hear that Mr. Hood has been commissioned to write a comedy pure and simple—a real comedy as distinguished from the so-called works of the kind to which our composers are so busily setting themselves.

There can be little doubt that the reptiles in question were the common grass snake which is fairly well distributed all over England, and it seems a pity that they are so cruelly persecuted. This snake is quite a harmless animal, and does not inflict any amount of good by keeping in check the increase of certain pests. Its chief food consists of frogs, young mice, and beetles. It is also partial to birds' eggs, and it is not unfrequently the case that when nesting and feeding for eggs one cuts his hand on a snake

curled up in the nest. In most places snakes are accredited with no end of evil ways, and consequently whenever met with they are generally the recipients of rough usage. It seems almost useless to try and convince country folks that in reality they are perfectly harmless and at the same time useful in ridding places of some of the smaller noxious animals.

To try to induce people to abandon their prejudices against animals is a thankless task. They have become so deep-rooted through the exaggerated and often wholly untrue accounts of the creature's habits that one generally fails to convert them from their beliefs in the abominable ways of certain quite inoffensive kinds. Take, for instance, the harmless slow-worm—or blind-worm, as it is sometimes called. This little creature is supposed to be one of the most venomous of our reptiles, and its bite certain death. Lizards have also the same reputation, and are persecuted accordingly. Amongst mammals, the hedgehog and water-vole are terrible miscreants, the former is said to suck the milk from cows when resting, the latter has all the misdeeds of the rat attributed to it. Of birds, owls and hawks are shot down because of their supposed depredations upon gamebirds, whereas in reality the damage they do in this direction when compared with the good they do in others is quite insignificant.

The additions to the Zoological Society's gardens during the week ending Aug. 11 include 2 Sclater's curassows, a Wapiti deer (born in the menagerie), a white-brown Amazon, a Loder's gazelle, 2 hairy-footed jerboas, a gazelle and a snake from Egypt, an ocellated land skink, a grey shrew-mouse, a black-faced kangaroo, and a common cormorant.

The specimen of Loder's gazelle, which has been sent from Egypt, is a most interesting acquisition. It is probably the first example of this species that has ever been exhibited in Europe. Although the horns of this antelope had been collected on several occasions from the Algerian deserts, which it inhabits, the animal itself was not known until 1894, when Sir E. G. Loder made an expedition into the interior of Algeria for the express purpose of procuring it. That few specimens have been obtained, can be accounted for by its living in absolutely waterless deserts, and which are consequently almost inaccessible.

Sir E. Loder, in the proceedings of the Zoological Society, where it is described and figured, says "It is quite certain that the reem (the animal's native name) can never drink, as there is no water in this country at all, except in the comparatively deep wells dug by the natives."

I have been asked by a correspondent at Brighton to give an account of the habits of the midwife toad, examples of which have recently been presented to the Zoological Society's gardens. It is of small size and inhabits Central Europe. The duties of tending the eggs are not undertaken by the female, but are left entirely to the male, who, as soon as they are laid, places them upon his back. They are joined together in a long albuminous string, which allows of their being wound round the thighs to keep them in position. The male toad then buries himself in the soil until the eggs are nearly ready to hatch, when he makes his way into a pool, so that when incubation is complete the little tadpoles can burst from the eggs and find themselves in their proper element.

THE ACTOR.

I should say that nothing in the speech with which Mr. Daly concluded his stay at the Comedy gave so much satisfaction as his announcement that when he returns to London next year he will not include in his repertoire his version of "King Henry IV." with Miss Ada Rehan as Prince Hal. To begin with, one does not want to see the two parts of Shakspere's chronicle play squeezed into one; the act is not to the point to the bard, who has a right to more gracious treatment at our hands.

The world has watched the great cricket match at the Oval, and it will interest anglers to know that at least one of the competitors is a devotee of the rod. Mr. Ranjitsingh, whose company I unexpectedly found myself a few days since, is an ardent fisherman, and can handle successfully both rod and gun. More power to both!

The annual programme of the Earlsfield Anglers, meeting at the Half-way House, Earlsfield, S.W., is before me, and a very creditable production it is.

As a rule their prizes are given only for specimen fish, and in any case their standard is one that might well be followed by clubs of a similar character.

A jack of 22 inches and a roach of 8 inches are the smallest allowed to be weighed in under the rules, and gorse bait fishing is strictly prohibited.

The Earlsfield deserve success.

Talking of the Earlsfield reminds me of the chivalrous doings of their esteemed secretary, Mr. W. Bruce, who at the peril of his life has rescued several anglers and others from drowning, and that only within the past fortnight. Whether the Royal Humane Society will give him the honour he undoubtedly deserves remains to be seen, but the unanimous expression of opinion on the part of the delegates of the Central Association at their meeting on Monday shows how greatly he is esteemed and how highly they value the presence of such a man among them.

The South London Anglers hold their first friendly competition at Amherst on Sunday Aug. 23, racing between Park Gates and Timbrey Bridge. The conditions are clear, the fish must be all of Thames standard, and one rod only used.

The weigh-in is to take place at Houghton Bridge Inn, and the arrangements are in the hands of Mr. A. Conn.

The Bermondsey Brothers have had some good shows of late, among them one of 45lb. of roach taken by Mr. H. Patman. A brean of nearly 4lb. taken by Mr. J. Smith was among the fish which graced their trays on Sunday last.

Some capital fish have come to grief during the past week in the Upper Thames. Mr. F. C. Thomson, fishing between Great Marlow and Bourne End, was successful in landing a quantity of chub, some scaling over 2lb. each; and in the mill pool below the lock, he took, legering, a brace of perch, and several good barbel.

Mr. C. A. Medcalf (president) convened the chair at the Central Association meeting on Monday last, when delegations from the Pictorial Society, Friends' Anglers, Gresham, and nearly all the leading clubs attended. Much regret was expressed at the absence (from domestic affliction) of Mr. T. Goodwin, V.P., and a sincere vote of sympathy unanimously accorded. The School Board Angling Society (meeting at the offices of the London School Board) was enrolled, and also the Friendship Anglers, a new club, meeting at the Stouts Stores, Ironmonger-row, St. Luke's. The Central Association is deservedly making great strides, partly due to

the ability with which it is managed, and the splendid waters rented, which are free for its members to fish.

Being in the neighbourhood of Norwick a few days since in search of a little fishing, I gave a look in at the magnificent museum at the Castle, which everyone should see. It lacks only a few good specimens fish, and at the birthplace of the greatest of fishery exhibitions, these ought to be provided. Anglers having a spare case of really good fish could hardly do better than send it there, and I gladly draw attention to the fact.

The next Central "visit" is to the St. Albans Angling Society, Royal George, New-st., Kensington-royal, on Monday next, when Mr. W. J. Wade has undertaken to preside, and a full house is anticipated.

The monthly delegate meeting of the Anglers' Association takes place at the Foresters' Hall, Clerkenwell, on Monday next, and the chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

GENERAL CHATTER.

The Thames is still out of order for the angler, and much more rain is needed. The ridiculous and ominous prognostications made within the last year or two as to the depletion of the tidal waters are happily set at rest by every return that comes to hand, and at Teddington, Twickenham, Richmond, and other stations anglers fishing at the right time, under proper conditions, have now no reason to complain.

It is satisfactory to know that perch are increasing in the Thames, and they are not only becoming more numerous but are being caught of good quality. At Sunbury, one of 10lb. has been taken, and bank anglers at Hampton Court have taken several over 1lb. each, fishing at the corner of the weir. Good barbel are strongly in evidence at Teddington, where one of 10lb. has been landed; Dr. Parkhurst and Mr. Newbury have each secured one of 8lb., among others of less weight. Squal, fails me to record the takes of the many other anglers fishing in the locality, but I hear that Mr. Brown (fishing with McBride) has a barbel which turned the scale at 8lb. Mr. C. H. O'Dowd, Dr. and Mrs. Bateman, and Mr. Butler have been well among the barbel at Staines; and Keene is credited with having taken 40lb. weight in 44 days.

Very little has been done in the Lea, but the recent rains will certainly increase the chance of sport. A correspondent asks whether the fishing is free in the Lea and Stort, a matter I have to deal with in coming notes. Meanwhile, I may say that the whole of the Lea to near Hertford is free, and also the greater portion or whole of the Stort. There is some really good coarse fishing for those who know how to fish, and devote the requisite time to it, in several of the tributaries of the Lea, which are to some extent neglected in favour of more popular resorts, and to these places I hope to draw attention later.

There have been some good takes of bream and perch lately at the Old Welsh Harp fishery, Hendon, and only last week a stranger to the water is reported to have taken 30lb. of perch, the largest being a really specimen fish of 3lb. 2oz. The takes of bream varied from 35lb. downwards, and a fair quantity of roach were also brought to hand.

A Calcutta paper reports that "a young man of violent temper" took a fatal dose of arsenic because his mother declined to furnish him with the means of living extravagantly. Noble youth! All the same, his death should be added to by exterminating old soldiers and sailors endowed with wives, the raw material for widows. Surely, these gallant veterans die off quickly enough without slaughering them like cattle or sheep.

In taking a bird's-eye view over the field of fashion at this season of the year we have not so much to record new styles as adaptations and developments of those we have been wearing. Tight-fitting sleeves with a short full puff or drapery of the material at the top are decidedly fashionable. Although various modifications of the full-topped sleeve cut in one or the lower part are still worn, a shape of sleeve much in favour has a short full puff at the top, and the tight-fitting sleeve being tucked in at the waist.

They were certainly in need of the drenching they received. The continuous drought had had its inevitable effect, and over many of the most familiar and often-traversed highways it was coming to be rare that one could ride for long without either personally experiencing a puncture to one's tyres, or else witnessing some other unfortunate affair. The latter case is generally held to be the preferable one. It has been impossible to stay at Terry's lately on a Sunday, without seeing some half dozen tyres repaired in the garden at the back, for the Brighton road was as bad as any other, and whoever punctured anywhere near Crawley naturally drifted to the Albany.

An Anerley member, returning from that direction the other evening, was a sufferer in a very different manner. The water cart had been doing its worst. The rider in question, when plodding along at some 12 miles an hour, heard the sound of approaching wheels from behind, involuntarily turned his head, and immediately came a complicated cropper, owing to his machine skidding in the mud. He was half unconscious for a time, and it was only after the proper application of some brandy that he contrived to walk home, accompanied by a good Samaritan, aged about 12, who trundled his wheel along for him. He was much shaken.

It is not always, of course, possible for the most experienced rider, or, what is not the same thing invariably, the most careful one, to avoid an accident of this description. Yet the mud, which is no respecter of persons, may be more easily steered through with safety by a rider who is habitually a good rider than by one who is not. That is to say, proper pedalling and a correct position on one's machine go far to enable one to negotiate it, and it is moreover, as will easily be understood, a simpler matter to ride with a light than a heavy load on greasy roads. The greater the effort the more apt is it to be taken to even; and the less even the action the greater is the likelihood that there will be a fall.

Amongst the many smart dresses at a big garden party, I noticed the charming effect of some pretty simple toilettes, the wearers being well-known good dressers. A gown of silver-grey alpaca took my fancy specially. It was simplicity itself, and unmistakably stylish. By the way, many people fall into the mistake idea that in order to be fashionably dressed and well off you must be richly attired.

To return to the gown in question. It is very simply made; the skirt quite plain, but cut so as to hang perfectly. As I have said before, these plain skirts require very careful cutting. The home dressmaker finds it no easy matter to preserve the close fit above without a strained appearance, but it can be done, and done well too, if a little care is taken. In this skirt the back pleats are arranged to stand out well from the waist, but without a stiff appearance. A muslin lining enables them to keep in shape. The foot is moderately wide, and the length just clears the ground.

The bodice is cut with a deep V-shaped opening back and front. It fits perfectly to the figure, and is finished at the waist with a short basque sloped at the front and sides and frilled at the back. The opening is filled with a softly gathered vest of white lace. The sleeves are also of white lace, fitting evenly to the arms and rucked the whole way to the wrists, where the opening is rather wide, and comes a little over the hand. The upper part has a full draped puff of lace caught up here and there with black velvet bows. The soft white lace and alpaca go charmingly together.

I know not how it may be in the United States, but if the Diamond Match Company which has got into financial difficulties manufacturing a good article, Americans would do well to afford it all possible support against foreign importers. The company is well known for its very trim and neat appearance. It was greatly struck by a coat turned out at one of our leading houses for a fashionable lady. The material was fine summer tweed, a lovely shade of smoke grey. The coat is a short shape, fitting to the figure at the back, with rather loose fronts, buttoning double-breasted with large smoked pearl buttons. The sleeves are an easy coat fit, perfectly plain from shoulder to wrist.

It has been decided by the authorities to legalise the introduction of a cycle market in the French capital, where Paris may buy and sell its cycles with every possible facility. How the established makers and agents there regard the innovation has not been ascertained; they may fear it, or only find in it a means of securing good advertisements since it is likely that many visitors who would not have called at their depots will be attracted there by the novelty. But perhaps the display of further advertisements than are constituted in the machines themselves will be prohibited. Otherwise there is a chance afforded that there will be yet seen the rules.

In the parks nowadays there are few cyclists to be seen as compared with the numbers that used to congregate in Battersea and Hyde. They are many of them "out of town" or desire to be so. One or two members of Parliament continue to ride there daily, notably that celebrity who has all seen on the cycle of ruddy hue. These astounding enamels, by the way, are not now seen by any means so often as was the case when society first suddenly took to the wheel. Experience teaches all sorts of people! With the lapse of time we may even hope to be relieved of the word, "Gymkhana." May it be soon.

Riders who take their machines into London should remember that, in riding in the streets, they must regard the advice of the policemen just as much as the drivers of vehicles. In this case is scarcely a "harm" a carriage. There have been numerous instances lately of constables having to enforce the law harshly on cyclists who refused to be governed by their requests. Of course, it is to the wheelman's own interest to be rational in this matter; he might endeavour to dart across the road against advice, in the face of a suddenly loosened avalanche of traffic at some junction of several streets, and be badly injured.

A French contemporary records an incident, too good to be allowed to pass unnoticed, that happened in

Paris a few days ago. In the Boulevard Saint Germain a cyclist collided with a cab-horse unskillfully managed by its driver, knocked the latter off his seat, and broke both shafts of the vehicle. It is said that the cabman made no expostulation; he probably thought that in such an event as this discription was much the better part of valour. One does not feel inclined to wax patriotic in the presence of a man, the impact with whom is enough to knock a horse down.

It is sometimes possible, when a puncture is encountered, and one has no repair outfit handy, nor any means of immediately acquiring one, to fix up a temporary repair with the aid of a match and a postage stamp, using the former to clear the inner tube, and the latter to wax the outer tube. Then by inserting the tube carefully again beneath the cover in such a position that the stamp does not come beneath the hole in the same, and inflating, it will often be found that the tube will carry one home. The device is always worth trying, and a regular cyclist ought to be acquainted with these little methods.

A SONG OF THE STREET.

It roars over the jarring discord
Of the busy London street,
The voice of a lone street-singer
In an olden song and sweet.
The noise of many a thousand
Sorrow and joy's refrain,
Swelled in its mighty rhythm,
But it could not fill the strain.
It might be merried for a moment
By many a roundabout.
For the wild discord around
O'er moon, and tear, and laughter,
Steady, and clear, and strong,
It told of a glad hereafter.

For the busie, careless throng,
And in some vague way of beauty,
Like my own heart's longing echo
Of days that knew no tears.
For it told of youth's sweet

JACK ALLROUND.

BOOK WORMS.—Those nasty little creatures that often cause considerable damage in our libraries are by no means confined to one species, as "J. O. J." supposes, but to go into their respective scientific genealogies would be quite out of place in this column. My duty is to help my friends to get rid of the pests so far as I can. Whether the devouring and hole-boring armies belong to the "silver-fish," "death-watch," &c., tribes, which other correspondents have noted, one very effective remedy against their ravages is to take, say, 1 ounce camphor pounded like salt, one ounce of bitter apple (cocoynut), the latter cut in halves; mix and spread on the book shelves, and renew every 8 or 10 months. If you cannot procure the bitter apple whole, get it in powder, but the whole is more effective. If you cannot get the cocoynut you may substitute tobacco, but it is not so good. Of course the quantity used must be regulated by the size of shelves and number of books you have to protect. I must add that powdered alum and pepper in equal proportions strew among the books and covers has been found amply satisfactory as an antidote by some, while a very careful book lover and large collector tells me that every March, July, and August he rubs over every book in his possession with a woollen cloth dipped in powdered alum.

VOLUNTEER GOSSIP

The weekly meeting of the North London Rifle Club was associated with very interesting news. Some good scores were recorded, with the Martin, Lieut. B. H. R. B. with the Lee-Metford; and Capt. Carter, 1st Essex Rifles, 40 out of 42 at a disappearing target at 30 yards at intervals of 3 seconds. In Series V, Volunteer positions, commencing at 600 yards, the spoons in Class I were taken by Col.-sergt. Hore, 2nd London, 93 (34); Capt. Carter, 1st Essex Rifles, 90; and Corp.-sergt. Gibbons, 5th West Middlesex, 95; the next best scores were Pte. R. Chicken, Civil Service, 95; Trooper Knapp, Middlesex Yeomanry, 93; Pte. Luff, L.R.B., 93; and Pte. Skilton, L.R.B., 92. Lieut. Richardson, L.R.B., Lieut. Howard, 3rd East Surrey, Pte. Willott, Artists', and Corp. Carter, 3rd Middlesex Artillery, each made 91.

VEGETABLE MARROW JAM WITHOUT GINGER.—Select moderate-sized marrow; all of them should as nearly as possible be of the same age, and none over ripe. Pare off the rind and quarter, fruit lengthwise, remove the seeds, then cut the marrow up into slices, and weigh when cut, allowing to every pound of marrow 1 pound of loaf sugar, half a small lemon, and a cupful of water. Cut the rind of the lemons very thin, and chop it up small. First boil the sugar and water to a clear syrup, then put in the sliced marrow and chopped-up lemon rind, and simmer quietly for an hour and a half, taking great care that it does not burn. Strip off the thick white skins that remained after you pared the outer rind of the lemons, and slice up the lemons, carefully removing all the pips. Mix these lemon slices with the jam, and let all boil together for another quarter of an hour; then pour the jam out into perfectly dry glass jars or crocks, and, when cold, cover close, first with prepared wax paper on the jam, and with vegetable parchment. Both these most useful covers can be bought in packets together for a couple of pence at any respectable stationer's. They are a great saving of trouble to the jam-making housewife.

CEMENT FOR PUTTING PATCHES ON BOOTS AND OTHER LEATHER ARTICLES.—Take real pure unused India-rubber, as it is sent over from its native place. It is sometimes called boot leather India-rubber, and can generally be bought at high-class artists' shops or stationers. None of the manufactured rubbers will answer. Cut the rubber into the finest shavings, and cut the shavings into narrow strips, and across again and again, so that they may be easily acted upon for solution. Then put it into a clean bottle, filling the bottle no more than to one-tenth with the cut up rubber, and pour upon it, till the bottle is about three-quarters full, benzine, which must have no trace of oil in its composition. Then agitate occasionally, and keep the bottle closely corked until the rubber is dissolved. It ought, if the materials are good, to be of a thick, sticky consistency. Keep the bottle always closely corked. Should it be seldom used and get too thick, add a little benzine.

WALNUT KETCHUP.—This is made of shells & pieces of the shells of the walnuts. Take 6 half-sieves of green walnut shells, put them in a tub, adding 3 pounds of common salt. Let them stand for 6 days, beating them and mashing them up frequently until you get the shells into a soft puppy state. Then bank the pulp at one side, and tilt the tub at the same side; this will cause the liquor as it accumulates to drain off, clear to the lower portion of the tub, and as this happens you keep taking the liquor out. Mash and beat up now, and again as long as there is no liquor to be got out of the shells. You ought to be able to draw 6 quarts from the amount given above. When you have got all you can put the liquor into an iron pot, and allow it to simmer as long as any scum rises; then take and bruise a quarter of a pound of ginger, a quarter of a pound of allspice, 2 ounces of long pepper, 2 ounces of cloves; add, and let it boil for half an hour. Bottle, and see that an equal amount of the spices are distributed to each bottle. When cold, cork the bottles tight and seal them over with resin. Store them in a cool, dry place for 1 year before you begin to use the ketchup.

TRANSFERRING PICTURES OR PHOTOGRAPHS TO WOOD.—Select a piece of wood with a smooth surface; lime or pine will answer. You may smooth the surface yourself by means of a plane or by glass-papering, &c. You must be specially careful not to leave any scratches or wooliness on the surface after the glass-papering. Then polish the surface well with ordinary white French polish; no spirits must be used for finishing the polish, and be careful you get by the usual process a good coat of polish on. Take your picture, lay it right side down on the polished wood; have near you a sponge or cotton wool and a saucer of methylated spirits, and brush the back of the picture over with this, taking care that it is well saturated and that there are no air bubbles allowed to remain under it. That completed, set it aside till all the spirit has evaporated, and the paper become perfectly dry, when, if properly done, it will have become firmly fastened to the wood. The next accomplishment is to get rid of the paper, which must be done by water, using the tips of the fingers, to form the best implement of a piece of soft India-rubber. You work on with exceeding care till gradually the picture appears equally distinct over the entire surface. Then the rubbing down is finished, and your work should be laid aside for 4 or 5 hours, or until the water you have been using has evaporated. When it is thoroughly dry, polish with the white French polish in the usual way. The white French polish for the wood is made with white shellac and methylated spirit.

SALINE EFFERVESCENT MIXTURE.—This excellent saline mixture, or, what some prefer to call it, fruit salt, may be made with the following ingredients:—A quarter of a pound of castor sugar, 2 ounces tartaric acid, 2 ounces carbonate of soda, 2 ounces cream of tartar, and 2 ounces Epsom salts. Each of these powders must be perfectly dried on separate warm plates before the fire, and then with the bowl of a warm dry tablespoon separately crushed into fine powder. They must not on any account be mixed together until they are perfectly dry, as the least dampness will cause the effervescence and destruction of the whole mass. When dry, mix all together and sift them 2 or 3 times through a dry piece of muslin to ensure a complete and even mixture. Bottle the mixed powders at once in dry bottles, cork close, and tie a piece of parchment over the cork, and store them in a dry place. About 1 teaspoonful stirred into half a tumbler of water, either hot or cold, makes the cooling draught.

IN THE SWIM.

BY A CITY SHARK.—"For some time past, although the public have been leaving Rand shares almost completely alone, some of the big firms have been quietly picking up cheap lots, and while they have been thus employed there can be no doubt that strenuous efforts have been made to keep prices at a low level." This statement is extracted from "Money," a reputable financial journal which latterly has been none too favourable to Rand securities. Its information exactly tallies with my own, and is further supported by the growing scarcity of certain stocks.

Rich discoveries are just reported at the Lydenburg and Shoba mines, and in their neighbourhood.

Rhodesian securities are being more inquired for, owing to the practical suppression of the rebellion. A good deal of arbitrage business is going on between London and Westralia; the monthly output there is double, what it was at this time last year, and is rapidly increasing.

It is not only gold mining that is going ahead in South Africa; the coal industry is also making rapid progress, as witness the record output of the Cassel Company. In all probability, therefore, the Rand mines will be able to obtain fuel on cheaper terms than hitherto.

Several weeks back I ventured the prediction, based on private information from South Africa, that the Rand yield for July would beat record.

That somewhat daring prophecy is fulfilled; in spite of labour troubles, deficiency of transport for fuel, and political disquiet, the out-turn for last month is in excess of any previous total.

But I confidently look for further improvement, now that the deep level mines are getting to work.

Goldenhuus Deep reports a net profit of £2,500 for July, and its success is pretty certain to be followed by that of others. But even without improvement, a monthly yield of over 200,000 ounces of gold is good enough to warrant active speculation for the rise in Rand securities, and I feel quite sure that the Barnato group will occupy a very leading position in the advance.

No doubt, the general "affair" afforded by the brilliant prs of Kaffirs contributed in a large way to strengthen other departments. During the greater part of the w-k, English and American rails experienced quite a little "boom," pegging up quite, day after day, in strong contrast to their previous lack of "go."

In Class II, the spoon was won by Pte. Parkinson, Civil Service, with 53. The aggregate of short and long ranges fell to Pte. R. Chicken, Civil Service, 132 (50, 35); Capt. Luff, L.R.B., 92; Corp. Carter, 3rd Middlesex, 92; and Corp. Skilton, 3rd Middlesex, 91.

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In Class III, Corp. Roberts, 3rd London, won the spoon with 88, and Lee-sergt. Leveridge, 28th Middlesex, scored 87.

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THE THEATRES.

COMEDY.

When we recorded the production of "The Mummy" at this house—an event which occurred on the afternoon of July 2—we also recorded the fact, that encouraged by the favourable reception given to Messrs. Day and Reed's farce, Mr. Charles Hawtrey had decided to place it in the evening bill of a West-end theatre—most probably at the Avenue. Circumstances, however, have conspired to delay the revival of the piece till now, when the close of Mr. Day's season has left the boards of the Comedy free for "The Mummy" to do port upon. It was felt at the time that if the farce was to be reproduced it must needs be with Mr. Lionel Brough in his original part, and, if possible, with Miss Goward (a niece of Mrs. Keeley) in the role of the black servant, Cleopatra. Luckily, Mr. Hawtrey had been able to secure the services of these 2 players, who, on Tuesday last, when "The Mummy" made its entree, once more carried off the honours. Mr. Brough's dry Cleopatra. (MISS ANNIE GOWARD.) (MISS E. PAGE.)

OUR LOCAL THEATRES.

Considerable enterprise is displayed in the building of theatres to meet the demand of the more London localities, but it is a question whether a suburban theatre is calculated to create the demand. There is talk of a theatre in Stoke Newington, and, considering that the Grand, Islington, is but a short bus ride from the northern suburb, such a speculation would indeed be risky.—The Borough Theatre and Opera House, Stratford, which will be opened some time this month with Mr. Beebohm Tree and the whole of the Haymarket company in "Henry IV." is a very fine house, and is capable of seating 3,500 persons. The prices too are distinctly popular, ranging from the half-penny to the lordly guinea. The heads of the pretty and comely Lyric, Hammer, and the ensuing 11 nights by "The Star of India." The company, which includes such favourites as Mr. Arthur Williams, who, by permission of Mr. George Edwards, will play Private Jockings, Mr. Charles Dalton, and Miss Hettie Chappell, is a strong one, and the house for the next fortnight should be crowded.—Touring companies of "The Gay Parisienne" will be seen at the Grand, Islington, this week, and also at the Parkhurst, Holloway.—The new sensational drama, with its many exciting situations, is proving a big draw at the New Pavilion, where a professional matinee will be given to-morrow at 1.45.—At the Britannia, "True as Steel," with a steam hammer and a real water wheel included in the "effects," will be played to-morrow.

HALLS AND PALACES.

During the past week some interesting additions have been made to the programmes at the West-end halls. At the Palace Mr. Morton maintains the second of French singers by the engagement of the clever and enterprising duettists, "Les Soups D'Horla," and Griff, with his funny comedy. He also a new-comer, The handsome of the various series of "Médiévaux Vivants" have been increased by 3 additional pictures, both by that most delightful artist, Blair Leighton.—"Next Door Neighbours" and "Just by Chance" "La Danse" and "Faust" are what is termed "going strong" at the Empire, where the interest of the miscellaneous portion of the evening is enhanced by a finished bar performance by Boisset and Mlle. Blanche, and by a really wonderful exhibition of the Burlesque foot-façade by the famous of Moung Lhine.—Now that time has been allowed for matters to shape themselves, "Rip Van Winkle," the new ballad of the famous Ada Rehan is making holiday amid the delightful scenery of the English lakes.—Mr. Hogan, M.P., having failed to learn what has been or is being done with the Covent Garden Fund either from the Government or the Charity Commissioners, proposed next session to seek powers from Parliament for what is legal parlance is known as a "writ of discovery." Seven years ago a claimant on the fund, who since has gone over to the majority, informed the present claimant that the fund, which, as the accumulation of long years, had swollen into a very considerable sum, had come to be in the nature of a tontine, which the very few last survivors among the qualified claimants intended to divide among themselves.

SURGEON SUED.

REMARKABLE ACTION BY A NURSE.

SEQUEL TO AN OPERATION.

In the Queen's Bench Division, before Justice Hawkins and a special jury, the action of Beatty v. Cullingworth was commenced.—Miss Beatty, it was said, followed the profession of nurse, and in the year 1892 was superintendent of the nursing staff of St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin.

Defendant, Mr. C. J. Cullingworth, is a surgeon attached to the staff of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and was a man who had gained a reputation in operations of an obstetric character. Miss Beatty had a generally healthy life, and in 1892 was

ABOUT TO BE MARRIED.

Finishing she was suffering from some internal disorder she consulted medical man at Liverpool. The result of their advice was that she must take a rest, but not having a home to go to she ultimately went to the home attached to St. Thomas's Hospital, where she had a sister employed.

Mr. Cullingworth there attended Miss Beatty, and the operation was performed by him, with the result that she was rendered unfit for married life. After the operation Miss Beatty sought to defendant that he had done her a great wrong, and should not have done it, as he had not her consent.

His operations have hitherto been uniformly successful, although owing to very grave difficulties of transport and supply, caused by an outbreak of rinderpest, which has destroyed almost all the cattle in the country, had been compelled to reduce the number of his patients to a minimum.

The latest reports show that his efforts and those of the forces under his command are

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The work of defence and repression was immediately undertaken by the settlers, who displayed great courage and self-reliance in this emergency.

They have since been reinforced both by Imperial troops and by native and native troops and the same military command has been confided to Maj.-gen. F. Carrington.

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The peaceful delimitation of the north-western frontier of my Indian Empire has been completed, and further agreements have been made with the Shah of Persia and the Amir of Afghanistan, fixing their territorial limits.

Friendly relations have been maintained with the ruler of the Kutch, and the

relations of the provinces of that country are

now effected without difficulty, and with the cordial co-operation of the tribesmen in the neighbourhood.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.—I

thank you for the satisfactory provision

which you have made for the services of the

My Lords and Gentlemen.—I have given my

consent, with much pleasure, to measure for

completing the naval defences of my Empire;

for lightening the fiscal burdens which press

upon the agricultural population; and for

protecting the flock and herd of these

islands, and for the suppression of disease.

Important measures have also received my

sanction, for the settlement of trade disputes,

for the prevention of explosions in mines, which

have caused the loss of many valuable lives.

For amending the Tax Act, for the construction of light railways, for the improvement of the inland waterways, and for

facilitating the creation, by purchase, of a

new class of occupying freeholders in Ireland.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the

blessing of Providence may rest upon all your

labours.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY.

THE TRAILOR AFFAIR.

Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett and Mr. Carson

believe as to the statement in the letters of

Mr. Phillips, the Salter-Whiter, recently

published, in which they both affirmed that

Sir J. De Wet had promised the attorney of

the British Government to all the members of

the Reform Committee, as well as to the

British residents in Johannesburg, if they laid

down their arms.—Mr. Carson had

long strenuously maintained that he had

done this, and stated that he was unable

to believe that during all these events the

whole body, who were said to be in possession

of a plot to assassinate the Queen.

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TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.

At Gloucester, Jane Bryant was fined £2 1s. for neglecting to have her children vaccinated. She is one of the persons affected with the anti-vaccination craze.

Henry Stock, charged with impudent behaviour at Tottendown, with intent to assault 2 ladies, was committed for trial by the Bristol magistrates as an incorrigible rogue and vagabond.

In response to an application for wages the Bridgewater trustees, the well-known Lancashire colliery firm, have just granted the bricklayers in their employ an advance of 3d. per day.

A farmer's wagoner named Stockbridge was leading a team of horses down a steep incline near Chiselsbury when the wagon overpowered the animals. Stockbridge was knocked down, ran over, and killed.

An inquest was held at Chesterfield on Thomas Littlewood, 67. He was on a haystack, when he became dizzy, fell 15 feet, dying from the injuries received. Verdict, accidental death.

John Thomas Taylor, collier, was remanded at Coventry on a charge of causing the death of Alfred Smith, carpenter, at Bedworth. The man is accused of a dispute and fought.

The notices given by the mechanics engaged in the Leeds engineering trade, numbering about 3,000, for an all-round advance of 2s. per week, expired yesterday. So far as can be ascertained the principal firms have given the advance.

At the whole of the nut and bolt factories in South Staffordshire District the employers have conceded an advance of 5 per cent. in wages. Some time ago, when trade was depressed, a reduction of 7½ per cent. was enforced.

John Rock, alias Carey, was charged at Sunderland with making a false attestation in order to join the Durham Militia. He had said he had not been in the Army, whereas it was proved that he had done military service in India, and was now a Reserve man. One month.

At Leamington, Geo. Stapleton, giving his address at Montague-rd., Victoria Park, Hackney Wick, London, was remanded on a charge of travelling from Reading to Leamington, on G.W. Railway, without having previously paid his fare, with intent to defraud.

The annual holidays in the Bolton, Farnworth, and Walkden districts, in which there are close upon 30,000 cotton operatives employed, commenced yesterday, and will last until next Wednesday and Thursday. There was a great exodus of excursionists from all the districts.

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A cablergram has been received by the Tipton police from America announcing the arrest of Sarah Jane Williams, wife of a publican of Tipton, and Fredk. Ward, ironworker. The 2 runaways are alleged to have eloped from Tipton 3 weeks ago, taking with them £75 belonging to the woman's husband.

At Pontefract, Ellen Shaw, domestic servant, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences. Prisoner went to the vicar of South Kirby, representing that her father was a poor officer on board the Drummond Castle, and she was left friendless and starving. The vicar gave her a donation, but afterwards found her story to be untrue. 14 days.

FOREIGN.

The German Minister of War, Gen. Borsig von Schellendorff, has resigned. Lieut.-Gen. Gossler succeeds.

A rumour is current at Sofia, and obtains general credence, that the whole Cabinet has resigned pro forma.

A Router's telegram from Cape Coast Castle says the rumours regarding the warlike operations of Samoy are not confirmed.

Refaat Bey, Councillor of the Turkish Embassy, has left London for Constantinople. This is regarded as significant in view of the present state of affairs in Crete.

The cathedral of St. Vladimir and the monument erected to Nicholas I in St. Petersburg will be dedicated towards the end of August amid great festivity.

The recent fighting in the Hauran, concerning which only brief accounts have been received, was of a much more serious kind than the first reports led one to believe. According to the latest despatches from Damascus, not only did the Druzes lose heavily in the various engagements, but the losses on the side of the troops were equally severe.—REUTER.

CHILD SEVERELY BURNED.

Yesterday, some exciting scenes were witnessed at a fire which broke out at 155, Kennington-nd., Lambeth. A rumour is current that smoke was seen issuing from the front room on the second floor, and an alarm was immediately raised. It was then discovered by the inmates of the house that the room was in flames, and that the daughter of the occupier, Jeanette Miles, aged 6, was in the room.

A lodger in the house at once bravely entered and brought the child out, when it was discovered that she was severely burned on the head, face, and hands. The firemen had by this time arrived, and, after about an hour's exertions, extinguished the flames.

The contents of the room were practically burned out, the rest of the house being damaged.

Upon the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Garthwaite a large number of the members of the Conservative and Liberal Unionist Associations attended a garden party held yesterday at Sudbury Park Farm, near Harrow.

SAVOY THEATRE LAST NIGHT.

A trifle, but a distinctly pretty one, is the new front piece, "Weather or No," produced for the first time at the Savoy Theatre last night. It is a curtain raiser far above the old-fashioned type of the days when anything was considered good enough for the patrons of the pit and gallery while waiting for the serious business of the evening. It is a musical dialogue, humorous, and may be novel in conception (one hardly likes to venture an assertion on the point, for some one would be sure to be ready to say it has been done before), with a book by Adrian Ross and W. Beach, brightly and smartly written, the music distinguished by much neatness and grace of orchestration with an exceptional sweetness of melody being from the pen of Bertram Selby, who has already done promising work in other branches of his art. But of course for such a piece the idea's the thing, and this is found in the love affairs of two wooden figures on one of those toy meteorological houses, once the possession of every nursery play-room. The curtain rises to a cleverly-written introduction, first of calm and pastoral music expressive of fair weather, and then of the sinister and agitated kind, suggestive of foul. On the stage is a rather house, and the day before far fine (the climate is English) the little woman, made up delightfully wooden, by Miss Emma Owen, is out at the end of her revolving stand, singing of the springtime and the cuckoo. Then the sun goes in, and out comes the bad weather little man (Mr. Scott Kuskin) in his long overcoat to sing of influenza and of "deep blue mould." The pair are exasperated at the fact that the one never catches a sight of the other, and they lament thus wise:

"Sax. I wish this English weather were abolished altogether.
Or at least that we could ever have a spell of sun or rain;
I'm considerably settled, for my life is so unsettled.
I've had time to look around when I've been out.
Yes, I go again! [Sax goes in.]
It comes out.

I have recently suspected that my brain must be affected,
It's enough to make the wisest irretrievably insane,
So ridiculous popping in and out and never stopping—
Oh, dash the whole confounded thing, and there I go again!

Yes, there I go again!

But they are ardent and determined to meet, as they decide to adopt the latest plan of freedom, and strike.

After an effort (but "it's very cheap glue") they descend from the house and proceed to imitate living beings, whom they have observed flirting in the summer house. Their efforts are eminently successful; and after singing a pretty duet, "It's Love," and dancing with all possible woodenness (a difficult task for Miss Owen), they finish up by arranging to get married by the nursery Noah ("a cheap parrish, made in Germany") "Weather or No," and return to their wooden house to await the morrow. Delightfully acted by the two already named, the trifle, which only plays for 25 minutes, makes a capital "hors d'oeuvre" for the still more delectable fare of "The Mikado," which still continues to attract large and enthusiastic audiences. The three little maids, charmingly impersonated by Miss Jessie Bond, Emma Owen, and Perry, are as diverting as ever. Mr. Passmore is a Lord High Executioner full of spirit and humour. Miss Rosina Brandram, Mr. Kenneth Ham, Mr. Hewson, and Mr. F. Billing all add to the strength of a company characterised by customary Savoy efficiency.

STABBING AFFRAY AT NEWINGTON BUTTS.

Shortly before 7 o'clock last evening, an affray took place between some women at the King and Queen tavern, Newington Butts.—P.C. 334M. In a point at the Elephant and Castle, apprehended a woman named Maude Guest, apparently about 40, on a charge of stabbing another woman, who was picked up half unconscious, and bleeding from wounds in her head and right arm; she was taken to St. Thomas' Hospital. It appeared that Dalmatia Ralph, a charwoman, was having a drink with Elizabeth Potter and Annie Wheeler of Hayles-street, St. George's-road, when the accused made some rude remarks with reference to the injured woman's daughter, a girl of 15. Words followed, and the accused smashed a tumbler, and, it is said, stabbeth Ralph.

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THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

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On the City of London Ranges at Rainham the annual Inter-Company Shield Competition by teams representing the various companies of the London Rifle Brigade was held. The conditions attached to the contest were that each team should consist of 7 men, of whom 5 were to fire 7 deliberate volleys, 500 yards lying down and 7 at 300 yards in the kneeling position, a target 12 ft. by 14 ft., 200 ft. from the gun, with 12 figures painted thereon. Hits on the target only counted (1 point for each), the highest possible score to be obtained being consequently 98 points. For 7 consecutive years a team from N Company had carried off the trophy, and yesterday, upon the conclusion of the competition, it was found that F Company had won with 73 hits, N Company third with 64, and Q Company fourth with 57. The names of the winning team are Lieut. Chilver, Colr.-sergt. Hemmey, and Pte. A. Cocks, C. J. Cocks, Dove, Dicker, and Sherman, with Sgt. Rydon as section commander. Last year N Company had won the shield with 89 points.

On the rifle ranges at Marden Park the members of the Regimental Rifle Club formed in the 1st V.B. of the Queen's W. Surrey Regiment held a competition, and on the Ilford Ranges the 2nd Middlesex Artillery held an Inter-Carbine Company Competition, while on the same ranges the members of B, C, and G Companies of the 4th V.B. of the Essex Regiment held competitions.

On the City of London Ranges at Rainham 3 companies of the 2nd London Rifles, F, G, and K, held the annual company prize meetings. In the case of F Company the conditions were 5 rounds kneeling, 5 standing, and 5 lying down at 200 yards, class targets and scoring, and the leading scores were those compiled by Pte. King, 3d; Pte. Hodges 6d; Sapper Beer, 1d; Pte. Fox 2d; Sapper Smith 2d; Pte. Hilliday 6d; Pte. Royal 5d; Sapper Toner 5d; Pte. Wattis 5d; Sapper Hart 5d; Corp. Polke 5d, and Pte. Kent 5d. In the second series Pte. Knight, with 50, and Pte. Howell, 4d, headed the list. In G Company the conditions were 7 rounds kneeling, 7 standing, and 7 lying down at 200 yards, third-class targets and marking, and the list was headed by Sgt. Pugh, 3d. In Company the conditions were 7 rounds kneeling, 7 standing, and 7 in the prone position at 200 yards, third-class targets and marking, and the highest scores were those compiled by Pte. A. Wood 4d; Pte. A. W. Short 4d; Pte. B. Burdett 30; Pte. Moss 23, and Pte. O'Byrne 25. Sgt.-instr. Fryatt was in charge of the ranges, and the various competitions were got through in a business-like manner.

It was announced that Major the Earl of Waldegrave, captain of the English Twenty Club, had appointed Hon. W. H. D. D. of the 2nd V.B. of the Liverpool Regiment, as successor to Capt. G. F. Gwatkin in the adjutancy of the club, the last-mentioned officer having resigned his appointment.

On the Runnymede Ranges the 21st Middlesex (Finsbury) Rifles held the annual field drill, skirmishing, and volley competition. In the first mentioned teams of 6 men fired 3 volleys at 500, 3 at 400, and 4 at 200 yards, the result being that K Company had headed the list with a score of 193 points, A Company being second with 169, F Company third with 166, and I Company fifth with 120. In the skirmishing the conditions were precisely the same as in the field-drill competition, but an individual shoot, and the list was headed by Staff-sgt. Hoofling with a score of 45, followed by Sgt. Daniels with 41, Sgt. King 39, Capt. Stockall 37, Sgt. Jackson 36, Pte. Sporne 49, and Pte. Brown 43. In K Company the conditions were 7 rounds kneeling, 7 standing, and 7 in the prone position at 200 yards, third-class targets and marking, and the list was headed by Sgt. Pugh, 3d; Pte. Howell, 4d; Pte. Peacock 55; Pte. Merrill 54; Pte. Lucas 51 (scratches); Corp. Mayne 49; Pte. Pte. Sporne 49, and Pte. Brown 43. In F Company the conditions were 7 rounds kneeling, 7 standing, and 7 in the prone position at 200 yards, third-class targets and marking, and the list was headed by Sgt. Pugh, 3d; Pte. Howell, 4d; Pte. Peacock 55; Pte. Merrill 54; Pte. Lucas 51 (scratches); Corp. Mayne 49; Pte. Pte. Sporne 49, and Pte. Brown 43.

At Leamington, Geo. Stapleton, giving his address at Montague-rd., Victoria Park, Hackney Wick, London, was remanded on a charge of travelling from Reading to Leamington, on G.W. Railway, without having previously paid his fare, with intent to defraud.

At the whole of the nut and bolt factories in South Staffordshire District the employers have conceded an advance of 5 per cent. in wages. Some time ago, when trade was depressed, a reduction of 7½ per cent. was enforced.</p

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales correspond to an annual rate of 21.4 per 1,000 of their aggregate population.

In London 2,291 births and 1,730 deaths were registered last week.

Allowing for increase of population, the births in London last week were 265 below, and the deaths 130 above, the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes which had been 22.3, 23.3, and 24.3 in the preceding 3 weeks, further fell last week to 21.1.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza last week numbered 2, having been 6, 1, and 6 in the preceding 3 weeks.

In Greater London 3,157 births and 2,032 deaths were registered last week, corresponding to annual rates of 26.6, 20.5 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Mai.-gen. Clarke, left Marlborough House this week for Homburg.

A man about 35 was killed while crossing the road at Chiswick. He is believed to be a Covent Garden porter, and known by the name of "Sam."

The Trinity Law Sittings ended on Wednesday, when the few judges who remained in town rose for the long vacation.

Mrs. Henry Ingham, a Laporte, Indiana, woman, has passed 167 days without nourishment of any kind, as far as known.

The Archduke Joseph has consented to the marriage of the Duke of Orleans on condition that the latter renounces his claim to the French throne.

The funeral took place this week of Mr. John Charles Blackett, of Thorpe, Surrey. Deceased was the last surviving officer of Nelson's ship Victory, on which he was signal midshipman.

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Lord Leigh, Lord-lieut. of Warwickshire, had one of his eyes removed owing to severe inflammation. The operation, which was necessary to retain the sight of the remaining eye, was successfully performed.

The body of a woman was found floating in one of the Highgate ponds. She is described as about 60 years of age, and wearing a black mantle and black striped dress. The body lies at the St. Pancras mortuary.

The Bishop of Rochester has been preaching in Wandsworth Prison. He had an audience of 800 prisoners and warders, to whom he gave an address on the text, "Commending ourselves to every man's conscience."

An old lady named Sarah Venn, of 203, Boleyn-nd., Upton Park, West Ham, has been found dead in her back scullery. The body was much decomposed. The deceased must have been lying dead in the house over a week.

A fork, a piece of iron, 2 teaspoons, a needle, a piece of lace, a crochet needle, 2 2½in. nails, 4 pieces of glass, 8 buttons, and a key were recently taken from the stomach of a woman in an annex hospital recently. She is still alive.

As a couple were about to be married in New York, the other evening, a jarred pane of glass fell from a skylight on the bride's head and knocked her senseless. When she recovered she had her head bound in bandages and then the ceremony proceeded.

Two men in New York were in love with 1 girl, the latter's parents favoured 1 suitor, the girl the other. Finally the parents proposed that the 2 men run 100 yards race for her. Unlike the usual ending of such contests the suitor the girl favoured won.

At Chester, William Evans, for whom a warrant was issued in July, 1894, was sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment for a savage assault on water bailiffs, and fined £6 and costs, or another month, for illegal fishing in King's Pool, Chester.

The German Emperor, as owner of the yacht Meteor, has, through the Earl of Lonsdale, sent a subscription to the Missions to Seamen, which maintains a chaplain for Southampton Water, and a reader, with a mission yacht, on the Solent all the year round.

In celebration of the Queen's reign, Windsor has resolved to transform the "Bachelors' Acre" and an adjoining disused burying-ground into an ornamental pleasure ground, with a fountain, band stand, and a children's playground.

Lord Iveagh, the donor of the Winter Gardens at the People's Palace, is arranging a gigantic reception at the E. London Exhibition for Aug. 23. The members and friends of the Palace Horticultural Society, numbering over 2,000, are invited.

A labourer named Foster recovered £100 damages at Southwark County Court from Mr. Adams, a contractor for the dock at Rotherhithe, for injury caused by some timber falling from a crane and hurting his spine and hip.

The Paris "Globe" publishes the following list of members of the South African Commission:—Sir Alfred William Hardinge, Sir H. H. Campbell, Bannerman, Sir Michael Chicks Black, Sir Richard Webster, Sydney Blaxton, H. Lebouchere, Bingham, Sir Hart-Dyke, and M. Chamberlain.

In the anticipated scheme of Christ's Hospital places are reserved for the sons of commissioned officers of the Navy, Marines, or Naval Reserve whose services are certified by the Admiralty to have been satisfactory. The preliminary selection of candidates between 10 and 14 years of age for 8 vacancies will be made in October.

The Queen has granted to Mr. Alfred Berry Brewster authority to accept and wear the insignia of the Order of the Osmanian of the Third Class, which the Khedive of Egypt has conferred upon him in recognition of his services while actually and entirely employed beyond her Majesty's do-

minions as English private secretary to his highness.

The Canadian Volunteers paid a visit to Windsor Castle this week.

The latest accounts of the Hon. C. Bonar are much more favourable.

Nine workmen were struck by lightning and injured at Barcelona on Wednesday.

The discharge of Sidney Cronmire, formerly known to fame as the infant stockbroker, was suspended in the Bankruptcy Court for 4 years.

The Ardrossan Sawmills, including plant and stock, have been completely destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at £4,000.

The pipe which Blucher carried to Waterloo has lately come into Lord Sheffield's collection at Sheffield Park. It is very richly ornamented.

It is reported from Belgrade that the young King Alexander of Servia is going to pay a visit to the Italian Court about the beginning of October.

A large waste-paper store in Friar-st. Borough, caught fire, and was eventually gutted.

Capt. Bouvier F. Clarke, R.N., has been appointed Director of Transport, in succession to Rear-Admiral Brent, from the 20th inst.

"Just a right-handed sort and no slouch," is how Lord Salisbury has been described in Australia, by one who knows about his life in the bush.

There is quite a superiority of labourers for harvest purposes in N. and E. Yorkshire, owing in great part to the almost general use of the self-binding reaper.

Prof. Herkimer this week presented to the Archdruid of Wales, at his residence at Llangollen, a luxuriant costume in accordance with the traditional dress of the druid.

The Secretary of State has released from the Convict Prison at Aylesbury Fanny Gane, who, on Dec. 8, 1891, was sentenced to death at Winchester Assizes for murder at Richmond.

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Lord Leigh, Lord-lieut. of Warwickshire, had one of his eyes removed owing to severe inflammation. The operation, which was necessary to retain the sight of the remaining eye, was successfully performed.

The body of a woman was found floating in one of the Highgate ponds. She is described as about 60 years of age, and wearing a black mantle and black striped dress. The body lies at the St. Pancras mortuary.

The Bishop of Rochester has been preaching in Wandsworth Prison. He had an audience of 800 prisoners and warders, to whom he gave an address on the text, "Commending ourselves to every man's conscience."

An old lady named Sarah Venn, of 203, Boleyn-nd., Upton Park, West Ham, has been found dead in her back scullery. The body was much decomposed. The deceased must have been lying dead in the house over a week.

A fork, a piece of iron, 2 teaspoons, a needle, a piece of lace, a crochet needle, 2 2½in. nails, 4 pieces of glass, 8 buttons, and a key were recently taken from the stomach of a woman in an annex hospital recently. She is still alive.

As a couple were about to be married in New York, the other evening, a jarred pane of glass fell from a skylight on the bride's head and knocked her senseless. When she recovered she had her head bound in bandages and then the ceremony proceeded.

Two men in New York were in love with 1 girl, the latter's parents favoured 1 suitor, the girl the other. Finally the parents proposed that the 2 men run 100 yards race for her. Unlike the usual ending of such contests the suitor the girl favoured won.

At Chester, William Evans, for whom a warrant was issued in July, 1894, was sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment for a savage assault on water bailiffs, and fined £6 and costs, or another month, for illegal fishing in King's Pool, Chester.

The German Emperor, as owner of the yacht Meteor, has, through the Earl of Lonsdale, sent a subscription to the Missions to Seamen, which maintains a chaplain for Southampton Water, and a reader, with a mission yacht, on the Solent all the year round.

In celebration of the Queen's reign, Windsor has resolved to transform the "Bachelors' Acre" and an adjoining disused burying-ground into an ornamental pleasure ground, with a fountain, band stand, and a children's playground.

Lord Iveagh, the donor of the Winter Gardens at the People's Palace, is arranging a gigantic reception at the E. London Exhibition for Aug. 23. The members and friends of the Palace Horticultural Society, numbering over 2,000, are invited.

A labourer named Foster recovered £100 damages at Southwark County Court from Mr. Adams, a contractor for the dock at Rotherhithe, for injury caused by some timber falling from a crane and hurting his spine and hip.

The Paris "Globe" publishes the following list of members of the South African Commission:—Sir Alfred William Hardinge, Sir H. H. Campbell, Bannerman, Sir Michael Chicks Black, Sir Richard Webster, Sydney Blaxton, H. Lebouchere, Bingham, Sir Hart-Dyke, and M. Chamberlain.

In the anticipated scheme of Christ's Hospital places are reserved for the sons of commissioned officers of the Navy, Marines, or Naval Reserve whose services are certified by the Admiralty to have been satisfactory. The preliminary selection of candidates between 10 and 14 years of age for 8 vacancies will be made in October.

The Queen has granted to Mr. Alfred Berry Brewster authority to accept and wear the insignia of the Order of the Osmanian of the Third Class, which the Khedive of Egypt has conferred upon him in recognition of his services while actually and entirely employed beyond her Majesty's do-

minions as English private secretary to his highness.

The Canadian Volunteers paid a visit to Windsor Castle this week.

The latest accounts of the Hon. C. Bonar are much more favourable.

Nine workmen were struck by lightning and injured at Barcelona on Wednesday.

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